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AMERITECH ADVANCED DATA
SERVICES OF ILLINOIS, INC.

and

NEW EDGE NETWORK, INC.
d/b/a NEW EDGE NETWORKS

Joint Petition for Approval of Negotiated
Interconnection Agreement dated
October 22, 2001 pursuant to 47 U.S.C. § 252.

Docket No. 01-0767

Statement In Support Of Joint Petition For Approval

I, Scott Walker, am Area Manager Interconnection of SBC Advanced Solutions, Inc., and submit this Statement In Support of the Joint Petition For Approval of Negotiated Interconnection Agreement Between Ameritech Advanced Data Services of Illinois, Inc. and New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks.

The attached Interconnection Agreement (the "Agreement") between Ameritech Advanced Data Services of Illinois, Inc. d/b/a SBC Advanced Solutions, Inc. ("SBC-ASI") and New Edge Network, Inc. d/b/a New Edge Networks ("New Edge") was reached through voluntary negotiations between the parties. Accordingly, SBC-ASI and New Edge request approval pursuant to §§ 252(a)(1) and 252 (e) of the Telecommunications of 1996 (the "Act").

The Agreement has a term of one year from its effective date and establishes the financial and operational terms for the physical interconnection between SBC-ASI's and New Edge's networks, including collocation, network elements, resale and a variety of

other business relationships. The Agreement shall remain in full force and effect after the one year term on a month-to-month basis, until terminated by either party, or until a new negotiated or arbitrated interconnection agreement becomes effective.

Under §§ 252(e)(1) and (2) of the Act, the Commission may reject the Agreement only if the Agreement or a portion thereof "... discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement" or "... implementation of such agreement or portion is not consistent with the public interest, convenience, and necessity." Because the Agreement is the product of voluntary negotiation, it does not have to comply with the standards set forth in §§ 251 (b) and (c), thus rendering inapplicable the pricing standards set forth in § 252(d). The Agreement is nondiscriminatory. SBC-ASI will make this Agreement available to any other telecommunications carrier operating within Ameritech Advanced Data Services of Illinois, Inc.'s service territory. Other telecommunications carriers can negotiate their own arrangements pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Act.

The Agreement is the product of good faith, arms-length negotiations between competitors. Overall, the Agreement is acceptable to both parties; and it shows that two carriers, negotiating in good faith under the terms of the Act, can arrive at mutually beneficial business arrangements that overall meet their individual business interests and furthers the cause of competition.

The Agreement is consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. It is a comprehensive Agreement that will promote competition and enhance New Edge's ability to quickly provide customers in SBC-ASI's service area with a competitive alternative.

The Agreement meets all of the requirements of the Act, and the Commission should approve it.

DATED this 12 day of November, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,

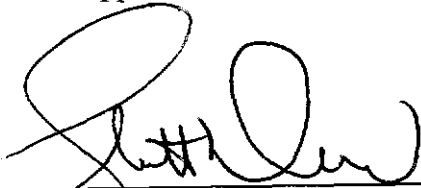
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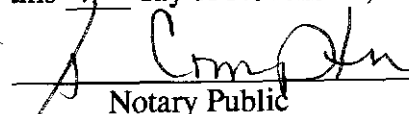
Scott Walker, being duly sworn, states on oath that he is the Area Manager Interconnection of SBC Advanced Solutions, Inc., and that the facts stated in the foregoing Statement in Support of Joint Petition for Approval are true and correct to the best of his knowledge, information and belief.



Scott Walker

Subscribed and sworn to before me

this 12th day of November, 2001.



Notary Public

